

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

IN FAVOR OF

Appropriations for the entire closure of New Inlet, and for the completion of the improvements at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, according to the plan of the Secretary of War.

JANUARY 30, 1857.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

Be it known, that William Hill, whose name, in his own proper hand-writing, is subscribed to the annexed certificate, is, and was at the time of granting the same, secretary of state of the State of North Carolina, and, as such, keeper of the rolls and original laws passed by the general assembly of the said State, and that his said certificate is in due form.

In witness whereof, his excellency, Thomas Bragg, our governor, captain-general, and commander-in-chief, hath signed with his hand these presents, and caused our great seal to be affixed thereto.

Done at our city of Raleigh, on the 24th day of January, in the year [L. S.] of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the eighty-first year of our independence.

By the governor,

THOS. BRAGG.

PULASKI COWPER, *Private Secretary.*

Whereas, in the opinion of the general assembly of the State of North Carolina, the work undertaken by the government of the United States, for the improvement of the Cape Fear river at its mouth, is a work national in its character and free from all constitutional objections, inasmuch as it is necessary for the "common defence" of this State and for the due protection and encouragement of the commerce with other States and with foreign nations; and whereas it has already been recognized by acts of Congress, and has thus far been satisfactorily prosecuted under one of the departments of the government by means of appropriations made by those acts of Congress, and according to a plan adopted by the War Department, upon the recommendation of a "commission" appointed by that department for this special

purpose; and whereas we regard it as an act of justice that the general government should provide for the complete removal of those obstructions to the navigation of the Cape Fear, which have been caused in part (at least) by the works of the general government erected for the protection of Fort Caswell, at its mouth: Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That the government of the United States ought to make such further appropriations as may be necessary for the entire closure of New Inlet, and for the completion of the works of improvement at the mouth of Cape Fear river, according to the plan of the Secretary of War.

Resolved, 2d, That we earnestly request the senators and representatives from this State to use their utmost efforts to obtain such further appropriations.

Resolved, 3d, That his Excellency Thomas Bragg be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in Congress, with the request that they lay them before their respective bodies.

Read three times and ratified in general assembly January 24, 1857.

J. G. SHEPHERD,

Speaker of the House of Commons.

W. W. AVERY,

Speaker of the Senate.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Office of the Secretary of State.

I, William Hill, secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

Given under my hand this 24th day of January, 1857.

W. HILL, *Secretary.*

Per RUFUS H. PAGE.